

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Schneck on 12/30/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please remove "scheme" from lines 9-18 on Page 5 after "Brief Description of the several view of drawing" of the specification and amend the lines 9-18 on page 5 of the specification as follows:

--Figure 1 shows a top and a bottom view of a 96-chamber synthesis plate.

Figure 2 is a bottom view of a 96-chamber synthesis plate.

Figure 3 is an enlarged, cross sectional view of a single chamber.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view of a synthesis column.

Figure 5 is a schematic view of an 8-pin insertor.

Figure 6 is a schematic view of an 8-pin extractor.

Figure 7 is a schematic view of a combo 1-pin insertor/1-pin extractor.

Figure 8 is a schematic view of loading and extracting frits from a 96-chamber synthesis plate with an 8-pin insertor and an 8-pin extractor.

Figure 9 describes the preparation of an embedded catechol-based universal support. - -

Please remove "scheme 1" from line 13 on Page 7 of the specification and insert --
Figure 1--.

Please remove "scheme 2 and 3" from line 16 on Page 7 of the specification and insert --Figure 2 and 3--.

Please remove "scheme 4" from line 9 on Page 8 of the specification and insert --Figure 4--.

Please remove "scheme 5" from line 17 on Page 8 of the specification and insert --Figure 5--.

Please remove "scheme 6" from line 22 on Page 8 of the specification and insert --Figure 6--.

Please remove "scheme 7" from line 24 on Page 8 of the specification and insert --Figure 7--.

Please remove "scheme 9" from line 11 on Page 9 of the specification and insert --Figure 9--.

Please remove "scheme 8" from line 18 on Page 9 of the specification and insert --Figure 8--.

Please remove "scheme 8" from line 16 on Page 10 of the specification and insert --Figure 8--.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: **Please remove "scheme" from the label of drawings 1-9 and amend as --Figure 1--, --Figure 2--, --Figure 3--, ..., --Figure 9--.** In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIMPLE N. BODAWALA whose telephone number is (571)272-6455. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday at 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

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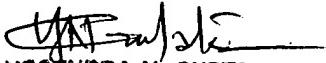
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, PHILLIP C. TUCKER can be reached on (571) 272-1095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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